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Our South Progresso correspondent makes his debut this week. We are glad to hear from that section, and especially such a newsy letter. Those good schools will bring in the right class of people to make the country. Tell us more about them, and—why not other communities do likewise?

The Vaughn News is the latest arrival to come to our Exchange Table. It is a lively little sheet, and if the issues to come are as good as the first, it will prove a booster for Vaughn with a big "B." The Vaughn business people are wise in backing the paper and should encourage Editor Burns in every way possible, and he will give them full value for their money.

Just what the present session of the legislature will do in its closing hours no one can foretell, but judging by the record up to the last week of the session, it has been remarkable in several ways—especially for a New Mexico legislature. There has been less wrangling than at any other session in the past decade. Not many bills have been made law, but on the other hand practically no poor laws have been enacted. There have been a number of "fool" bills introduced, but they have not gotten very far. There are a few members of the lower house who would have saved the state money by staying at home—even had they drawn their salaries from a distance—but that is usually the case in any such body. The last week will, as usual, be the busiest of the session. It is to be hoped that the record of good work will not be broken and that no "fool" laws will be enacted at the eleventh hour.

On last Wednesday the legislature put the finishing touches on the Prohibition Election matter by enacting legislation providing that the Election shall be held on November 6th, 1917, and that a secret ballot shall be used. This law, if carried into effect, will give the voters a chance of saying whether they will outlaw booze or allow booze to rule as it has in the past. There is no doubt but that the wet element will make the most strenuous efforts to win the election, and the dries will have to be up and doing every minute of the time from the present to the counting of the ballots on the evening of November 6th next. This is the opportunity for which a great many have long been waiting and no time should be lost, if we are to have a dry New Mexico!

How Big is New Mexico

Although you are a resident of New Mexico, do you know the area of the state? People who have not either had the time or the inclination to look the matter up and make comparisons would be surprised to learn how great a state New Mexico is in size. It is the fourth state in the union in area, the order being Texas, Montana, California and New Mexico. New Mexico has 10,000 more square miles than both Iowa and Wisconsin, only 26,000 less than both Dakotas and 22,000 less than Oklahoma and Nebraska, and only 80,000 less than Idaho and Washington. She is larger than three of the average eastern, middle western or southern states, and larger than all the New England states.

The great area of Texas will be realized when you learn that she has 30,000 square miles more than both New Mexico and Arizona.—Evening Herald.

The Boy Who Didn't Pass

A sad faced little fellow sits alone in deep disgrace,
There's a lump arising in his throat and tears stream down his face;
He wandered from his playmates, for he doesn't want to hear
Their shouts of merriment since the world has lost its cheer,
He has sipped the cup of sorrow, he has drained the bitter glass,
And his heart is fairly breaking; he's the boy who didn't pass.

In the ripple tree the robin sings a cheery little song,
But he doesn't seem to hear it, showing plainly something's wrong;
Comes his faithful little spaniel for a romp and bit of play,
But the troubled little fellow sternly bids him go away.
And alone he sits in sorrow, with his hair a tangled mass,
And his eyes are red with weeping; he's the boy who didn't pass.

Oh, you who boast a laughing sun and speak of him as bright,
And you who love a little girl who comes to you tonight
With smiling eyes and dancing feet, with honors from her school,
Turn to that lonely boy who thinks he is a fool,

And take him kindly by the hand, the dullest in the class;
He is the one who most needs love—the boy who didn't pass.

—Michigan Christian Advocate.

Badly Mixed

As the workings of the 640-acre homestead proposition are evolving it looks as if the expense attached to such filing will be almost prohibitive. The rulings prepared by Clay Talman, United States land commissioner at Washington, are exceedingly voluminous. The sections pertaining to designations cover three pages of fine print and it is estimated that in order to induce an attorney to prepare the text of the filing petition would be necessary to put up a retaining fee of not less than \$25. "The petition must be in the form of an affidavit, executed in duplicate, and corroborated by at least two witnesses who are familiar with the character of the land," says a section of the ruling. It adds that the petition must set forth in detail the character of each legal subdivision included in the application to make entry. Maps and diagrams must be included and photographs of the land, where available, may be considered necessary to facilitate judgment as to the character of the land. It is also recommended that a competent surveyor be enlisted to properly designate the land from known bounds. Applicants will also be required to ascertain if the land covers any underground water supply, in which event it may not be considered for entry under the Ferris grazing homestead law. In turn, none of the land may be occupied prior to its designation. In the filing of applications under the grazing homestead act, prospective land owners have a ready deposited thousands of dollars in filing fees. Investigators of the field division of the general United States land office are busily engaged in the collection of evidence in connection with alleged frauds in taking up grazing land, all which will make the delay and how the innumerable contests will ever be settled is a monstrous conundrum.—Field and Farm.

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USEFUL BISCUIT DOUGH.

It is surprising what a variation one may make with the simple biscuit recipe. This is also true of a plain cake. With the addition of various spices and fruits it becomes a fruit cake; baked in layers, with different fillings, almost any kind of cake. Take the recipe for biscuit: Roll out, spread with chopped meat and seasonings; roll up in the form of a loaf and bake; served sliced with brown sauce this will nicely replace a meat dish.

For an entree to serve with cold meat salad or with the main dish, sliced apple dipped in the batter and fried in deep fat are most delicious fritters. Bananas, oranges, peaches or other fruits are equally good.

Chop a dozen oysters or clams, using some of the liquor in place of the milk in the biscuit; stir into the dough and fry in deep fat. Any chopped vegetable like safsy, squash, corn, peas or parsnips may be used instead of the meat or fish. Use two cupsful of flour, two tablespoonfuls of shortening, a half teaspoonful of salt, a cupful of milk for the biscuit mixture. If wanted for dumplings, use equal parts of milk and flour, one teaspoonful of baking powder, with one egg. Instead of the shortening. Drop by teaspoonfuls into the boiling hot stew, and keep tightly covered ten minutes. They will be light as a feather. The same proportion of flour and milk, one teaspoonful of baking powder and a half cupful of cherries, put by tablespoonfuls into buttered cups and steamed in hot water, tightly covered 15 minutes, makes an ideal pudding. Serve with cream and sugar.

For cinnamon rolls, roll out the biscuit mixture, spread with butter and brown sugar, with cinnamon; roll up and cut in slices. Bake in a hot oven. For fruit roll, add nuts and raisins; roll up, place in a deep pan, add boiling water, a cupful of brown sugar, two tablespoonfuls of butter and bake for an hour. Apples with the raisins make a well-liked combination. Try these and more ways will occur to you to use the useful biscuit dough.

Nellie Maxwell

DON'T CROWD LITTLE CHICKS

Endeavor to Keep Young Fowls in Small Flocks—Bed All Corners With Litter.

Avoid crowding by keeping chicks in small flocks and bedding all corners with plenty of litter. Fresh straw or dried grass serves this purpose for large chicks, clover chaff or shavings for baby chick litter. Very often shavings can be procured free of charge at the mill.